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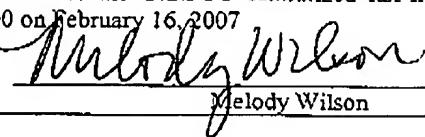
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Responsive to the Office Action dated October 17, 2006 in the patent application identified above, please enter the following amendment and reconsider the application in light of the appended remarks. A request for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response.

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